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THE COMETS DAY.
This is the comet's day—the day when it puts its tail of atoms all over the earth while the earth rolls to the other side of this departing celestial body. It isn't likely that anything more serious will happen on this day than on any other rattling good day for this world of ours.
It is well to wait out for the purpose of seeing it, if possible, the effect of the counter currents upon the earth's atmosphere. This is what three distinguished men have had to say about today's possibilities:
Prof. David P. Todd of Amherst college thinks the aurora effect probable; Prof. Robert W. Wilson of the Harvard college observatory said that there may be a darkening of the atmosphere, while Prof. Edward C. Pickering, head of the Harvard observatory, said: "I doubt if there will be any effect at all."
Professor Wilson said further that "there may be a shower of charged particles, very small but numerous, which may affect wireless telegraphy. There is no cause for alarm or fear. Comets exist only near the comet's head and the tail is a good vacuum. That last appears to indicate that a clean sweep might be probable."
It is not necessary to rise in the morning to see the comet, for it rises too late and until Friday night will be busy in passing the sun. As the comet is little chance of seeing it then, but on Saturday night it does not set until 9.12, and after that it will be seen later and later as a beautiful spectacle in the heavens on every clear night.

THE CENSUS GRAFT.
There are a few writers in the country who herald abroad that the census enumerators in their work are taking off a generous amount of political "velvet." A well known writer of one of the magazines declared that the 75,000 enumerators were receiving \$5.00 a day for forty days, and left it implied by the readers that they were really a horde of politicians doing "the happy hunting ground of the politicians."
There were no enumerators paid \$5 a day and they were required to complete the work in 15 days and when the time was extended three days more it did not increase the pay of the enumerators. Since they were to receive 2-1/2 cents per name. One enumerator of Chicago calls attention to the fact that he received \$35 for 30 days of hard work. This worker also says: "Others, probably, had larger territories or finished in less time, so that their earnings per name were greater than mine. All they were paid for was what they covered at the same rate. The only enumerators who are paid by the day are those in agricultural districts, and I know they get very much more than a day's pay. They were allowed thirty days in which to complete their work, and the city enumerators were required to be through in fifteen days except where climatic conditions interfered."
"There doesn't appear to be a great deal of easy money in the work, and the evidence of spoilsmen being in it is entirely lacking."

COW TESTING ASSOCIATIONS.
For some time not only the state experiment station but the newspapers as well have been trying to convince the farmers of the state of the value of cow testing associations, but probably not to exceed half a dozen of such associations have been formed.
Now if you could pretty conclusively show a merchant that it was a question whether he was making or losing money on a certain line of goods and tell him that for a small sum it would be definitely shown on just which side the balance was, he would jump at the chance.
Now this is just what the cow testing does. Shows the farmer conclusively just what animals are making money for him and just what ones it does not pay him to keep. And still the farmers have been slow to join the associations that have been formed in the state—St. Albans Messenger.

In this the farmers of Vermont do not differ from the farmers of other states. "You'll have to show me," is no longer a Misourian colloquialism. We are living in a day when the matter of all concerns are being suspected, because we are all conscious that modern life is not altruistic, but is marked by supremely selfish endeavor. They suspect that some one is going to make more out of the scheme than it can possibly be worth to them. On the face of it, it looks like a mighty good business proposition, and while it is true that there will be no necessity for trying to get farmers to join, for they cannot afford that be kept out.

THE RECKLESS CHAUFFEUR AGAIN.
The public has lost patience with reckless chauffeurs, and the comments of Judge Baker on this dangerous class of individuals indicate that the courts are disposed to impose more than nominal penalties for wanton disregard of the state's reasonable speed laws. "They are not entitled to leniency," is a misstatement which should have a deterrent effect upon drivers who apparently think that pedestrians have only one right on the highway—the right of dodging automobiles making thirty or forty miles an hour on city streets. The fine of \$50 is not excessive for so serious an offense, and the addition of a jail sentence will not arouse sympathy for the chauffeur who has no regard for the safety of people crossing the street.—Providence Journal.

It is high time that the speed mania was taken out of the automobile as well as the incompetent or drunk driver. This street-locomotive has become a menace to pedestrians and to pedestrians' lives, and needs regulating. There is nothing to be said against careful drivers or responsible speed. But speed on the highways traveled by pedestrians and needs regulating. There is nothing to be said against careful drivers or responsible speed. But speed on the highways traveled by pedestrians and needs regulating.

actually beats the cars—is not reasonable speed. An old locomotive engineer, seeing a young blood running on a smooth pavement with a fast car at railroad speed with nothing to hold him back, remarked, "I've kept the rails hot for forty years, but that business is too risky for me." "Reasonable speed" is exceeded every day in Norwich and the people know it, but it would likely cost a thousand dollars to get a legal definition of this phrase.

QUICKER TRAVELING.
Those who feel the need of more rapid transit will be pleased to learn that the time between points in eastern Connecticut and Washington, D. C., is to be shortened a half-hour. A change of time is to be made on June 15th, when the Colonial express will leave Boston at 8 a. m., an hour earlier than at present. The running time to New London will be reduced fifteen minutes with an additional stop at Kingston. The train will arrive at the Harlem River in New York, 15th street, at 1.15 p. m. instead of 1.30 p. m., and from there passengers can complete the journey to New York on the elevated. This gives the public an early and fast train to New York at the regular rate of fare. The time of arrival in Washington will be 5.05 p. m., instead of 5.44 p. m. The ride in Washington is shortened from twelve hours and forty-four minutes to twelve hours and five minutes. The leaving time at Washington is to be changed from 7.30 a. m. to 8.45 a. m., and the time is cut from twelve hours and fifty minutes to twelve hours and five minutes, an appreciable saving to through travelers.

"This change will be appreciated by all Connecticut people who count time as money and slow coaches as relics of the past."
EDITORIAL NOTES.
The backdating of letters upon any pretext is very much like the old trick of setting the clock back.

Bridgeport in the future is to have two suns every day. It is the same old gag—both will shine for all.

The comet sets us all a good example which every mother's son should appreciate—it keeps moving forward!

St. Louis has opened a garage with prayer. But St. Louis is not such a pious city as this makes her appear to be.

New Jersey has women seorchers at the wheels of her automobiles and she takes them right in and fines them.

The American public defies the neat public garden of Boston. It never appears to comprehend the fitness of things.

Bennington, Vt., is swelling with pride because it is to have a \$95,000 postoffice. Uncle Sam is kind to his little children.

The first-class cabin passengers who have come to regard our customs laws as a joke are learning that Collector Loeb is not one.

None of the royal ribs overlooked Theodore. Every one of them left a card for him. His voice has been heard clear round the world.

Brattleboro, Vt., wants to be made a city. When it has its wish and all that comes with it, Brattleboro may want to go out and kick itself.

It is to be hoped that President Taft will not get into the Bulling-Pinchot matter any more. He would look better swimming in clean water.

One thing is to be said for Peary—while he is collecting his gold medals he declines to give an opinion of Dr. Cook. His vaccination has taken.

In Vermont they taunt a kid-gloved doctor with getting into politics. If he was of the rubber glove faction he would be too busy to accept the nomination!

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY A BOUT WITH FAME

I met her at the Mardi Gras. From the very first she struck me as unusual. She misquoted de Fane, with legion tongue and pretentiousness in the gauzy folds of her dress. "Here's one girl who owns up to being a gossip," I thought, and from the very oddity of the thing secured an introduction.

I played the role of Chanticleer, and not to crowd about it at all, felt that I ought to make a hit.

With my most gallant stiff-armed effect I swung Fane through the dance, but somehow or other I couldn't for the life of me get beyond voicing the usual platitudes. It nettled me. Ordinarily, aided by my glib tongue, I fostered acquaintance very successfully.

The gap in the conversation was becoming a chasm when the girl came to the rescue. Pointing to her lingual trophies, she laughingly inquired: "Have I annexed your ears?"

Somewhat plighted, I answered: "The shock is likely to render one dumb."

"You will be a rich man some day," she said.

"You both laughed."

"Here," and detaching a tongue, she held it out to me.

I assured her with eyes riveted. "Then why," she solemnly questioned, "should I carry excess baggage, when obviously you are all eyes and ears?"

I bowed acknowledgment of my defeat. And she laughed again. In fact, we both did. She had a mighty infectious laugh.

Somewhat, other, after that, my other partners appeared mawkish, or slightly, or worse. Anyway, they weren't ready to claim satisfaction.

What a pleasant thing it is to hold Fane's hand!

I cautiously ventured to express my thought.

A little wave of color swept across her face, but she answered airily "Ah, and declare that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any transubstantiation of the elements of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, at or after consecration thereof, by any person, and that the invocation of the name of the Virgin Mary or any other saint, and the sacrifice of the mass as now used, the church of Rome are superstitious and idolatrous; and I do solemnly, in the presence of God, profess, testify and declare that I do make this declaration, and every part thereof, in the plain, ordinary sense of words as commonly without any evasion, equivocation or mental reservation whatever, and without any dispensation already granted for this purpose by the Pope or any other authority or person whatsoever."—London Cable.

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